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ENTITLED

AN ACT for the incorporation of The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field and the vesting of property in the body so incorporated.

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named and other persons, inspired by the ministry of Christ, have been associated together under the name The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field for the purpose of living and spreading the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as taught by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement whose teachings may stimulate and guide every honest seeker for truth to study God's word so the image of Jesus Christ will be fully reflected in His people.

AND WHEREAS The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field is bound by its belief that the Ten Commandments found in the Holy Bible are the basic laws that govern human existence and therefore seeks to promote the Christian faith in Jamaica, which will bring people to God and improve the quality of life of people in Jamaica, and to promote programmes for the relief of poverty, suffering and distress among the people of Jamaica, and to promote health programmes geared towards fostering a healthy lifestyle for the physical and emotional betterment of the people of Jamaica, and to foster educational programmes in literacy and Christian ideals which will benefit women, men, youth and the society in general.

AND WHEREAS property, both real and personal in Jamaica used for religious purposes, is held by diverse persons in trust for or for the benefit of or on behalf of The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient and desirable that The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field be created as a corporate body with perpetual succession in which should be vested all real and personal property already and hereafter to be acquired in Jamaica for and on behalf of The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field and that such incorporated body shall have the power to acquire, hold, deal with, mortgage or dispose of the said real and personal property for the purposes of The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field and be possessed of such other powers by this Act conferred.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the

Senate and House of Representatives of Jamaica, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field (Incorporation and Vesting) Act, 2012. Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires “Interpretation.

“Corporation” means the body incorporated as The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field by this act;

“Reformers” means The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field.

3.—(1) The following persons, that is to say—

- (a) Pastor George Gowie, the Field President of the Reformers;
- (b) Mr. Bruce Ferguson, the Field Vice President of the Reformers;
- (c) Mr. Elham Gordon, the Secretary of the Reformers;
- (d) Mr. Michael McNeish, the Treasurer of the Reformers;
- (e) Mrs. Dona Smith, the Health Leader of the Reformers;

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and their successors for the time being in the respective offices aforesaid and one other member of the Reformers to be from time to time, nominated by the Field President, shall be and are hereby declared, constituted and appointed as a corporation and body corporate to have continuance forever and perpetual succession by the name The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field and possessed of a corporate seal and by that name may sue and be sued in all Courts of this Island.

(2) No act or proceeding of the Corporation shall be invalidated by reason of any vacancy in the offices referred to in

subsection (1) or by any defect in the appointment of any such person to any such office.

(3) The seal of the Corporation shall be of such design and pattern as the Corporation may, from time to time, determine and publish in the Gazette.

(4) No deed or document purported to be executed by the Corporation shall be valid unless it be sealed with the seal of the Corporation and signed by not less than two members of the Corporation, one of whom shall be the Field President or Field Vice President for the time being of the Reformers.

Vesting of
Property.

4.—(1) All lands and hereditaments and all the goods, chattels and personal property which are now the legal or equitable property of the Reformers or are now held in trust for the purpose of the Reformers or are now held or possessed on behalf of the Reformers by officials, officers, members of the Reformers or any of them are hereby transferred to and vested in the Corporation, its successors and assigns and are subject to all trusts, mortgages, charges, rights, reservations on encumbrances, if any, affecting same or any part thereof.

(2) All property real and personal in the Island devised or bequeathed by will or otherwise given to The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field or any person for the benefit of the Reformers shall be held by and is hereby vested in and shall be deemed to be the property of the Corporation.

Powers of the
Corporation.

5. The Corporation shall have the following powers to:

- (a) acquire, hold, lease, possess and enjoy any lands or hereditaments whatsoever in fee simple, leasehold, or for any other estate or interest therein and all other property real or personal or mixed;
- (b) give, grant, charge, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, mortgage, sell, convey, assign, dispose of, turn account, or otherwise deal with all or any of the property,

both present and future, so held or vested, or any part thereof;

- (c) borrow, raise, or secure the payment of money in such manner as may be thought fit and in particular by the issue of the debentures or script charged upon all or any of the property, both present and future, held by or vested in the Corporation, and to redeem and pay off such securities;
- (d) appoint persons of the Corporation either generally or for a limited period, and for such purposes and with such powers as may be stated in the Power of Attorney, and to revoke any such appointment and to confer on any such persons appointed, power to appoint a substitute in his or their stead;
- (e) make such rules and by-laws as they shall think fit in order to carry out the purpose of the Act.

6. Nothing in this Act shall prejudice or affect the rights of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, or of any body politic or corporate and all others, except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from, through or under them. Saving.

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill seeks to make provision for the incorporation of The International Missionary Society Seventh-Day Adventist Church Reform Movement Jamaican Field and to vest certain property in the Corporation and to allow the Corporation to hold property in perpetual succession through its officers together with the power to deal with such property and to sue and be sued in its corporate name.

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